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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2055

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2055) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Stephen L. DiNatale relative to the use of human skin cells in certain scientific research. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *611* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to reprogrammed human skin cells for embryonic stem cell research.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby amended, in line 2, by striking out the words, “embryonic stem” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-- skin.

Subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 111L of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby amended, in line 1, by striking out the words, “embryonic stem” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-- skin.

Subsection (b) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby amended, in line 8, by striking out the words, “Nothing in”.

Subsection (c) of section 8 of chapter 111L of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby amended, in lines 15-16, by striking out the words, “or from donating their gametes to another person or from donating their gametes for research.”

Section 10 of chapter 111L of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f) in its entirety.

Subsection (a) (i) of section 12J of chapter 112 of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby further amended by striking out the following paragraph:-

16 For the purposes of this section, "fetus" shall also include an embryo, but shall exclude a
17 pre-implantation embryo or parthenote as defined in section 2 of chapter 111L and obtained in
18 accordance with said chapter 111L.

19 Section 12K of said chapter 112 of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby further amended by
20 striking out, in line 15, the words "implantation of the embryo in the uterus" and inserting in
21 place thereof the following word:- fertilization.

22 Section 7 of chapter 113 of the 2010 General Laws, is hereby further amended by striking
23 out, in the definition of "Part" or "Parts", the following words:--“but a gamete, as defined in
24 section 2 of chapter 111L, shall be donated in accordance with said chapter 111L.”